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Battle Stations 21 comes to life

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Photo by S.A. Thornbloom

Recruits work to stop a leaking pipe on board USS Trayer (BST 21). Battle Stations 21 is the culmination of all training received at the Navy's only boot camp. It is a grueling 12-hour test, now held entirely in Trayer, of a recruit's skills in several shipboard evolutions, including fighting fires and stopping floods. It is also the evolution that marks the recruit's final rite of passage into the Navy. Trayer will be commissioned Monday, June 18 at 8:30 a.m.

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RTC leader selected NETC Senior Instructor of Year

By **S. A. THORNBLOOM**
NSTC Public Affairs

DCCS (SW) John Jones believes in training. In fact, he has believed in it for more than 20 years in the Navy.

"Training is training and being a Damage Controlman, I've been instructing Sailors for a long time and not just in a schoolhouse setting. I think damage controlmen train more in the fleet and you get more comfortable, when you become an instructor, doing it," Jones, from Jackson, Miss., said.

It's his belief in that training, and a few other exceptional qualities, that led Jones to recently be named the Navy's Senior Enlisted Instructor of the Year (IOY) by the Navy Education and Training Command. The Leading Chief Petty Officer of the Education Training Evaluation Division at Recruit Training Command on Naval Station Great Lakes said it was a great honor to be selected to represent all the instructors at RTC.

"It feels really awesome," the 42-year-old said.

"We have a lot of great instructors here at RTC and in the Navy. We all play a part in the training of the Sailors coming into the Navy and advancing through the ranks." Jones also serves as an instructor for the Naval Basic Orientation Division. In this division he teaches recruits leadership, Navy Core Values and various Navy management skills. He also keeps his hand in the school's damage control and shipboard fire fighting training.

"I think being an instructor here at RTC is very special. We are responsible for instructing Sailors at the beginning of their Navy careers. We are the ones turning civilians into Sailors," said the married father of two sons.

Jones also said the award is a direct reflection on his fellow instructors at RTC and shares the award with each of them.

"This award should be in recognition for all the instructors at RTC because we are at the beginning of the whole

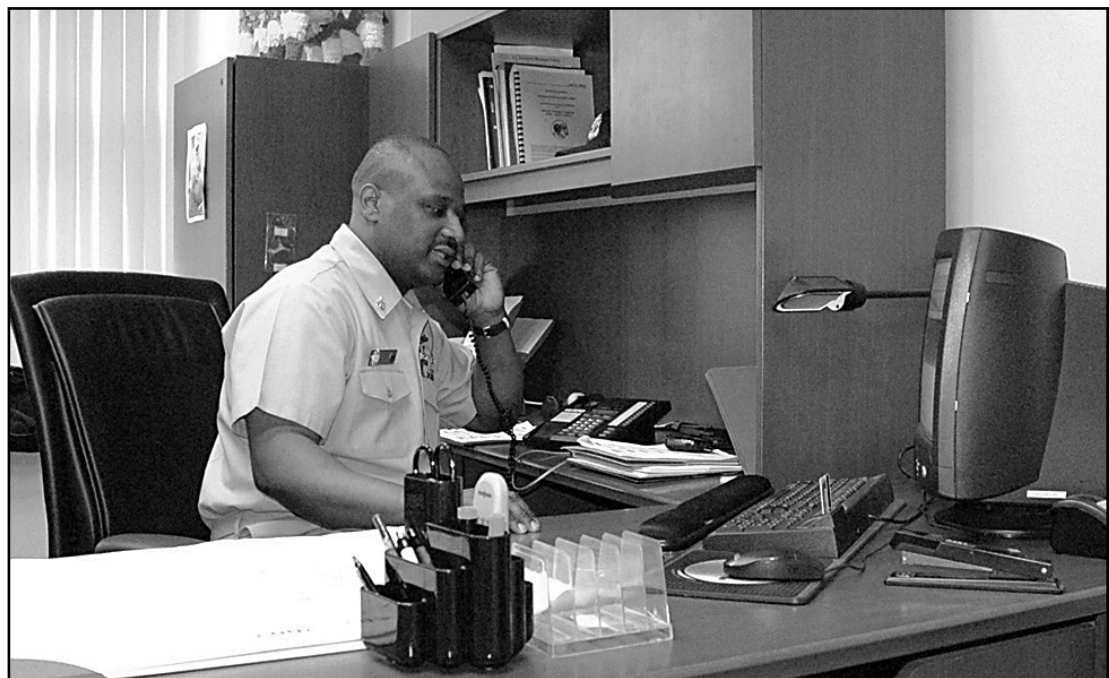


Photo by S.A. Thornbloom

DCCS(SW) John Jones was named the Navy's Senior Enlisted Instructor of the Year (IOY) by the Navy Education and Training Command. Jones is the Leading Chief Petty Officer of the Education Training Evaluation Division at Recruit Training Command.

process. Being named the Instructor of the Year validates the great work we all do here," he said.

His fellow instructors reflected the praise back on Jones saying he was extremely deserving of the honor.

"Senior Chief Jones keeps a high standard on instructing. He cares about molding the recruits into top notch Sailors and cares about making sure they are ready to join the fleet," fellow instructor, Boatswain's Mate Chief (SW/AW) Sequency Culver, 36, from Greenville, Ala., said.

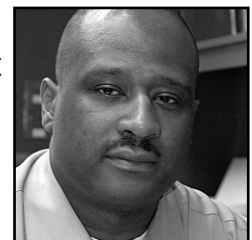
"I can't think of a better leader to follow. He's the go-to guy to learn from and emulate."

Jones' division officer, Lt. Brandon Epps, from Dallas, Texas, said that without the senior chief, "I wouldn't be able to do my job. He does it all. His knowledge level is awesome and I think his being named the Senior Instructor of the Year, is just a reflection on the excellence of all our instructors here at RTC. It says this is where the best go to and where the best come from."

Rear Adm. Gary Jones, commander of NETC said in a message announcing the award that, "it is fitting to reflect upon the critical importance of every one

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DCCS (SW) John Jones
NETC Instructor of the Year



of our instructors in the NETC domain and throughout our Navy. Your hard work and professionalism produce the best quality and most effective training in the world. I truly appreciate all of your personal commitment and individual contributions to meet the continuous and evolving needs of our fleet."

BM1 (SW) Darrin K. Streater and Lt. Christopher A. Fotos join Jones as instructors of the year. Streater was named the Junior

Enlisted Instructor of the Year and works at the Navy Technical Training Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Fotos is the Officer IOY and instructs Seabee officers at the Civil Engineer Corps Basic Officer Qualification Course on Naval Base Ventura County in Port Hueneme, Calif.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Tona Abbott from RTC was also named the NETC domain junior enlisted community winner.

Reclaim Uniform Sale, June 15

Bldg. 4 Gym (west end) will host a gently used items Reclaim Uniform Clothing Sale on Friday, June 15 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. If you are low on summer whites this is the sale to take advantage of.

The uniform items are 25 percent of the cost. The sale is open to active duty personnel only and on a cash only basis.

Factual accuracy

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Photo by Judy R. Lazarus

SR Keegan Purcell takes his turn in the drinking and driving simulator at Hospital Corps School's multi-purpose room.

Corps School students 'go behind the wheel'

BY JUDY R. LAZARUS
Bulletin Associate Editor

Naval Hospital Corps School (NHCS) students got a glimpse of how it would feel to drive alcohol impaired when they took turns behind the wheel of a state-of-the-art drinking and driving simulator this week. The three-day presentation, on June 11, 12 and 13, by the Save A Life Tour, allowed Sailors to drive in a virtual world.

"Our students are very young," said NHCS Commanding Officer Marcia Lemon. "In addition to traffic safety briefings on weekends and holidays we felt we wanted to do something extra to stress driver safety."

During the simulation, Facilitator and Manager Chris Geysbeek and Facilitator Jon Wilson, from the Edu-tainment Company, provided a running narrative of what is going on and what mistakes the driver is

"We have 1,250 students on board and we want to reach as many of them as possible in these three days."

Lt. Linda Kowalski

Hospital Corps School Command Safety Officer

making.

"The simulator shows every level, in three-and-a-half minutes, from sober to drunk," said Geysbeek.

Participants feel as though they are in a real vehicle since they have all the controls of an actual car, as well a 225-degree field of vision through the use of monitors which surround the person. The route goes from city

to rural roads, both smooth and bumpy, in varying weather conditions, including fog, rain, and snow.

"The ride is three-and-a-half minutes or until you crash," noted Lt. Linda Kowalski, Hospital Corps School Command Safety officer.

"We have 1,250 students on board and we want to reach as

many of them as possible in these three days," Kowalski said. "Our whole goal is to avoid losing any more Sailors to driving accidents. If we can positively affect any future decisions regarding impaired driving we've accomplished our goal."

After his turn at "the wheel," SN Curtis Nehoda noted, "As blood alcohol increases it gets

harder to time your turns. You react late. Stopping and accelerating are late also," he added. "Your actions actually are slower."

"You have a slow reaction time," said SA Michael Brownfield. "I crashed real quick. I like to think I have control, but the car didn't seem to respond to me very well."

VA offering program for Iraqi, Afghanistan veterans

North Chicago VA Medical Center will be offering a program to assist Iraqi/Afghanistan veterans and their families.

Information provided will include the psychological effects of combat and present problem-solving suggestions for both veterans and their families.

The presenter will be Dr. Howard Lipke. Dr. Lipke is a clinical psychologist who has worked with combat veterans since 1973. He is the team leader

of the PTSD Clinical Team. Dr. Lipke has published and presented his work on the psychological effects of trauma, especially combat, nationally and internationally. In addition to his work for the VA and training Department of Defense staff, he has completed training sponsored by UNICEF as well as working for the Red Cross.

Agenda

Presentation of materials, questions, opportunity to plan

for private individual or family meeting at a later time.

Thursday, June 14, 6:30 to 8 pm. High-school age and up

Friday, June 15, noon-1:30 pm, veterans and partners only

Saturday, June 16, noon-1:30 pm. All age family members

OEF/OIF Staff will also be available for any eligibility or medical care questions or concerns.

Please refer questions to: 1-224-610-4578.

Safety Awareness Day to focus on preventing injuries

BY JUDY R. LAZARUS
Bulletin Associate Editor

Providing a safe environment for youngsters is the focus of next month's Children's Safety Awareness Day which will take place July 6 on Ross Field from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sponsored by Hospital Corps School in conjunction with Naval Health Clinic, the event will review the causes of injury to children and provide ways to safety proof their environment. Thirty tables will be set up by various organizations and commands, including the Great Lakes Police and Fire departments, Navy Exchange, Fleet and Family Support Center, New Parent Support Group, Veterinarian Clinic, dental personnel, and the Lake County State's Attorney office.

Information will be supplied on car seat safety; poison control; crib safety; food illness; lead poisoning; animal bites; shaken baby syndrome; inhalant and alcohol abuse; and school bus, bicycle and playground safety.

Refreshments will be for sale during the event.

"There are so many accidents that are preventable," said Lt. Sarah Yuengling, Child Safety Awareness coordinator.



Photo by Judy R. Lazarus

Lt. Sarah Yuengling displays a poster for the upcoming Children's Safety Awareness Day.

"We would like this to become an annual event Navy-wide.

"A lot of planning could save lives," she noted.

The lieutenant, who is in charge of cooperative learning at Hospital Corps School, organized a similar child safety program at Camp Pendleton, Calif. two years ago.

Yuengling enlisted in 1983 and attended Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes. She left the Navy in 1988, received a nursing degree and then reentered the Navy in 2001 as an of-

ficer. While working as civilian nurse in South America, she had custody of a young burn victim and brought her to the United States. After two years, the youngster returned to her native country.

"I really got involved," the lieutenant said. "I saw other injured children and talked to mothers at the hospital. That's when I became so concerned about children's safety."

In case of rain the child safety event will be held at Bldg. 4.

MWR, Blue Jacket Memorial Chapel to sponsor Food Drive

MWR, in partnership with the Blue Jacket Memorial Chapel, will be sponsoring the Red, White and Blue Food Drive from June 18 thru July 5. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the 2A Fitness Center or the Blue Jacket Memorial Chapel.

Also, provisions have been made to accept donations at Ross Field on July 4th at the following locations. Drop boxes will be placed at the entrance of the Blue Jacket Memorial Chapel and also accepted at the information booth in the Gazebo.

For the past three years, the Blue Jacket Memorial Chapel and the 2A Fitness Center have partnered to conduct food

drives for various civilian charities and food banks. Just some of the charities, churches, and food banks that have benefited from the past food drive are:

Boy & Girls Club of America; North Chicago VA Hospital; Living Waters Church; Hurricane Katrina Disaster Victims; Waukegan Catholic Charities; Chicago Food Bank; USO/Numerous Military Families and Jesus Name Apostolic Church.

We would like to increase and scale our efforts to base wide participation. Hunger is a



very real thing. With the price of gasoline sky rocketing, there are families struggling to feed their children right here in Lake County. This 4th of July we can help and we can make a difference.

If you or your group would like to participate by putting out a box or helping in any way, please contact one of our volunteer staff. Chuckie Kelly at NAVFAC-MW at 688-2121, ext. 10; RP1 Aaron at Blue Jacket Memorial Chapel, 688-2396 or Coach Kenny Prince, Stephanie Randal or Coach Rick Pearce at 2A Fitness Center at 688-5649.

Beware of rip currents

By JIM BOYLAN
Associate Bulletin Editor

The United States Lifesaving Association estimates more than 100 people lose their lives each year as a result of rip currents. Rip currents account for about 80 percent of all rescues performed by lifeguards on surf beaches in the U.S.

A rip current is a narrow, powerful current of water flowing away from the beach. They are caused as waves hit the beach causing water to accumulate near the shore. The water then seeks the path of least resistance back into the lake, creating a pressure toward the lake. This pressure causes fast-moving current of water to push out into the lake from the shoreline, usually starting between two submerged sandbars. All this happens below the surface, making them hard to detect. Rip currents can occur at any beach with breaking waves in the Great Lakes. Scientific investigations of wave and current interactions along the coast have shown that rip currents are likely present on most beaches every day as a component of the complex pattern of near shore circulation.

They do have warning signs though that swimmers should be aware of. Look for a channel of churning or choppy water or an area with a noticeable difference in water color. Also, you will want to avoid breaks in the incoming wave pattern and lines of debris or seaweed steadily moving out in the lake. The National Weather Service recommends people avoid swim-

ming near piers and jetties because permanent rip currents often exist near these structures.

"We do not open the Nunn Beach area when there are two to four foot waves and when the wind is out of the Northeast. One of the key elements at Nunn Beach is the natural sand bars that block major rip currents," said Steven Gallagher, Program Director, Sports & Fitness.

If a swimmer cannot escape the current, they should remain calm and try to float until the current subsides offshore, they then should swim toward the shore at an angle away from the current. Perhaps the most important protection a swimmer can take to the beach is the knowledge of how to spot and survive a rip current.

The time you take to understand rip currents will help you protect yourself and family when visiting the beach. Always remember to swim at beaches that have lifeguards on duty.

Gallagher wants to emphasize to people that use Nunn Beach to be aware that "if there are no lifeguards on duty, there is no swimming. If you want to swim the best thing to do is call Bldg. 440 for hours and swim time."

Rip currents do not pull people under water—they pull people away from shore. Drowning deaths usually occur when people are unable to keep themselves afloat and swim back to shore. This may be due to fear, panic, exhaustion, a lack of swimming skills, or any combination of these factors.

AAA driver classes set

The Naval Station Safety Office will conduct a AAA Driver Improvement Program. AAA's traffic safety experts have created two refresher courses for licensed drivers who are in need of additional certification for job-related duties; traffic violation point reductions and insurance premium discounts.

The programs will provide practical guidance for preventing traffic crashes and are proven to be effective in reducing traffic fatalities and collisions.

The two programs offered are: Managing Visibility, Time and Space which is designed for all drivers wishing to improve their knowledge and under-

standing of driving and risk management/collision avoidance skills. The Driver Improvement Program is recognized in most states for insurance premium reductions and/or violator point reductions. The program is used by the U.S. military, state and local law enforcement agencies, local governmental agencies and private fleet operators.

For more information please contact the Base Safety Office today at (847) 688-2035/2036. Classes are scheduled for June 21, July 19 and Aug. 16 and will be held at the Naval Station Safety Office, Bldg. 3400, Rm 230. Classes commence at 7:30 a.m. and go to 3:30 p.m.

Honormen and Award Winners at the Recruit Graduation Review

Each honor graduate and award winner will receive the commanding officer's commemorative coin in recognition of their superlative achievements during recruit training. The honor graduates for this week's recruit review graduation are as follows:

SR Jayananda Moy, Division 201, Alachua, Fla.
SR Jamell Naylor, Division 202, Chicago, Ill.
SR Ya Xu, Division 203, Brooklyn, N. Y.
SR Melonie Cannada, Division 204, Hot Springs, Ariz.
SR Michael McCarthy, Division 205, Portsmouth, R. I.
SR Benjamin Abercrombie, Division 206, Fort Mill, S. C.
SR Kyle New, Division 929, Alachua, Fla.

The recruit chief petty officers for this week's recruit review graduation are as follows:

SR Mark Neal, Division 201, John Day, Ore.
SR Roberto Gonzalez, Division 202, Kissimmee, Fla.
SR Elaine McDaniel, Division 203, London, Ky.
SR Richard Flint, Division 204, Tucson, Ariz.
SR Eric Graves, Division 205, Shreveport, La.
SR Daniel Destefano, Division 206, Tunersville, N. J.
SR Kyle New, Division 929, Alachua, Fla.

Pictured are Award Recipients for this week:



SR Justin Toth, Division 929
Durango, Colo.
Academic Excellence Award



SR Angelita Baggoodurojaiye,
Division 203
Brooklyn, N.Y.
USO Shipmate Award



SR James Moffet, Division 929
Doylestown, Penn.
Award of Merit



SR Darnell Ligons, Division 202
Compton, Calif.
MOAA Leadership Award



SR Robert Nichols, Division 929
Aransas Pass, Texas
Navy League Award



SR Ericson Sagun, Division 204
Los Angeles, Calif.
Military Excellence Award

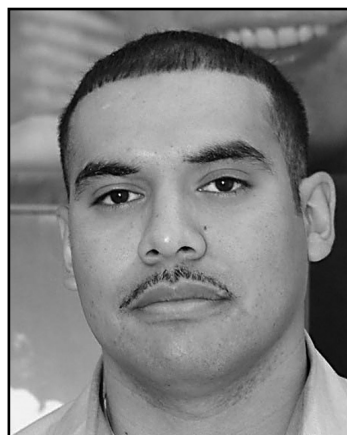
TSC SHIP IN THE SPOTLIGHT: USS FARRAGUT

Ship's History:

The USS Farragut, a 9200-ton Arleigh Burke class guided missile destroyer, was commissioned on June 10, 2006 and is the fifth ship to be named Farragut. The ship honors Admiral David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870), who is one of the Union's greatest heroes. Adm. Farragut gained fame for his achievements while in command of the West Gulf Blockading Squadron during the Civil War. It was in the 1864 Battle of Mobile Bay that Rear. Adm. Farragut shouted his famous quote "Damn the torpedoes, Full speed ahead." In 1866 Adm. Farragut became the first person in the history of the United States Navy to be awarded the rank of Admiral.

BEQ Stats:

1. Houses 384 male and female students attending Basic Engineering Common Core, Engineman, Electrician Mates, Gas Turbine System Technician Electrical/ Mechanical, Hull Technician, Machinist Mate, and Machinery Repairman.
2. Achieved outstanding on every zone inspection conducted.
3. Awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for six months. Awarded Ship of the Quarter for the first quarter. Awarded Ship of the Month for the month March
4. Carry the star flag, drill flag, athletic flag.
5. Ship of month standing- 4th
6. Ship of quarter standing- 3rd



Lopez

STAFF

NAME: EN2 (SW) Ricky Lopez
HOMETOWN: Chicago, Il.
AGE: 25
PREVIOUS COMMANDS: USS Tortuga (LSD-46), TPU Norfolk, V.A., M.A.R.M.C., Norfolk, V.A.
HOBBIES: Billiards, darts, and watching Chicago teams at there stadiums.
GOALS: Advance to EN1, qualify Master training specialist, and get my degree.
JOB BEFORE THE NAVY: Sams Club stock boy

STUDENT

NAME: EMFN (SW) Robert Jaquillard
HOMETOWN: Oregon, Ohio
AGE: 22
PREVIOUS COMMAND: USS Saipan (LHA-2), Norfolk, Va.
CURRENT SCHOOL: On Hold for 9C.
GPA: 90.0
HOBBIES: Golf, Outdoor activities and Computers.
GOALS: Receive my Journeymans li-cense within the next 3 years.
JOB BEFORE THE NAVY: Warehouseman

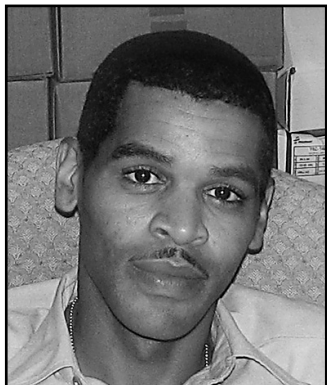


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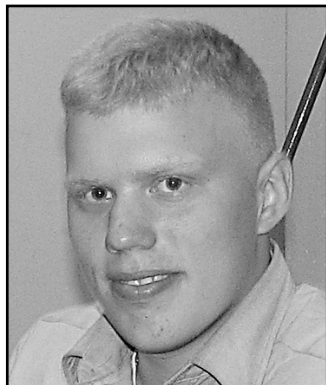
Readers Speak Out

This week the Bulletin asks its readers, "What celebrity would you like to meet the most and why?"



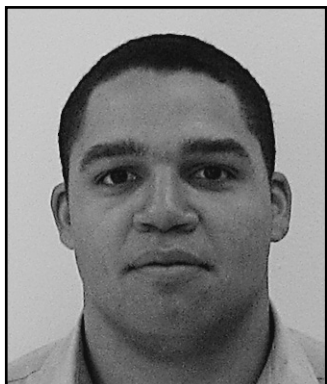
"Beyonce, because she deals with the pressure and puts on good work, besides she is beautiful."

ENFA Lonnie Davis



"Scarlett Johansson, because she is my dream girl."

MMFR Kevin Wilkins



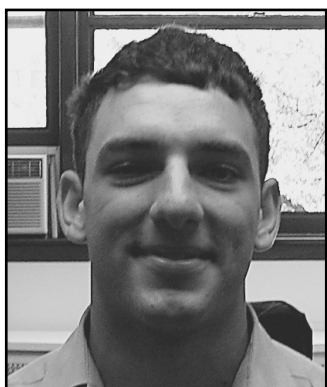
"Halle Berry, because I would ask her if it is hard to be a black actress."

SR Christopher Robinson



"Robin Williams, because he is compassionate and helps others a lot and besides he is very funny."

SA Keith Danalewich



"LaDainian Tomlinson, because he is the best all-around athlete in the NFL."

QMSR Brandon Waters



"Maya Angelou, because she is my role model."

OSSN Gabrielle Ware

What Happened When

A look back at historic Great Lakes

40 years ago FIREMEN COMPLETE RUN

Last week's 25-mile marathon from Chicago to NTC, run by 43 candidates of the Chicago Fire Department, was two-fold. First, it saluted the physical fitness program of Great Lakes recruits and second, it emphasized Mayor Richard J. Daley's physical education program. The trek was a success in that 20 of the 43 candidate firemen completed the run.

30 years ago EM 'C' GRADUATION A LANDMARK

Graduation day at Electrician's Mate "C" School this week is a landmark event. The class includes what is believed to be the first two Navy women to graduate from that school here. EM3 Karen Miller and EM2 Christine Paul are those graduates. In addition, Paul is believed to be the first woman to attain the rate of Electrician's Mate Second Cclass.

20 years ago SEABEES RENOVATE

Six members of CBU-401, led by crew Chief BU2 Terry W. Sargent, have renovated a group of rooms in the north end of the bottom floor of Building 1. The renovation, which began May 18, was completed last Friday except for the installation of carpeting which will be performed by an outside company. "It was a pretty easy job," Sargent said.

10 years ago PROJECTS MAY CAUSE OUTAGES

The Great Lakes Public Works Center (PWC) Maintenance Department will undertake four additional projects to replace water main valves located throughout the Great Lakes and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center complexes. The work requires a number of excavations and water outages which will impact customers of both complexes.

Great Lakes Tyke

Name:
Alex Falls

Age:
5

I live with:
Baby brother, mom

My pets are:
No pets

I help around the house by:
I pick up my toys

My favorite book is:
Mulan

My favorite cartoon is:
Tom and Jerry

My favorite food is:
Macaroni and cheese

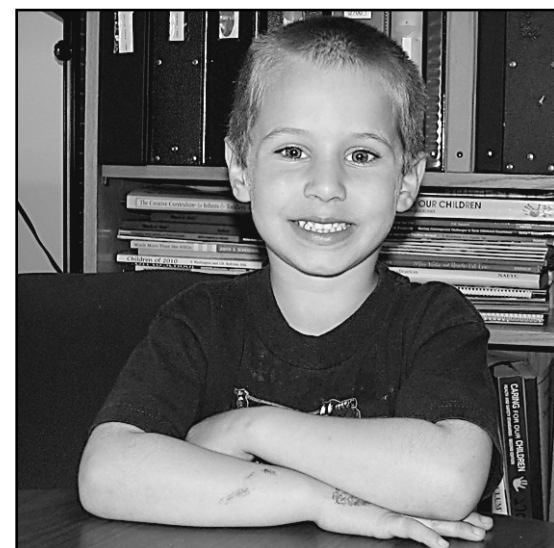
My favorite toy or game is:
Candyland

My favorite color is:
Blue

My favorite thing to do is:
Crafts

When I grow up I want to be:
The Red Spiderman

My picture is of:
Me, mom, baby brother



Alex Falls



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Tickets must be purchased in advance. Discounted tickets are not available at Six Flag's main Gate.

Six Flags Great America Navy Weekend, June 16 & 17...

Six Flags Great America (in conjunction with the MWR Department) salutes the military community by offering a special discounted ticket price on Sat., June 16 or Sun., June 17 (choice of either day) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All active duty military, reservists, retirees, DoD employees and their family members and guests are eligible to participate in this spectacular weekend of fun including Six Flag's new waterpark, "Hurricane Harbor"! Tickets cost \$28 per person. Parking is free! Tickets go on sale on June 1.

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 -Sunday, June 17; 1:20 vs. SD; \$52
 -Monday, June 25; 7:05 vs. COL; \$52
 -Tuesday, June 26; 7:05 vs. COL; \$52
 -Wednesday, June 27; 1:20 vs. COL; \$52

-Friday, June 29; 1:20 vs. MIL; \$52
 -Saturday, June 30; 12:05 MIL; \$52

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America's Action Territory is the "Midwest's Finest Family Entertainment Center", offering Go-Karts, Bumper Boats, Mini-Golf, and more! Year-round, customers will enjoy a 15,000 foot Arcade/Redemption area, as well as Laser Tag, Inflatables and more! Located in Kenosha, Wis. (off Hwy. 50 and I-94), Action Territory offers a 10% military/government discount with a proper I.D.

Discount Packages...

Wristband Special-3 games of Laser Tag/20 game tokens and a slice of pizza and a soda. Special Navy price = \$12 (reg. price \$15 at the door-savings of \$3)

Kids Indoor Wristband-unlimited use of the indoor inflatable games, 20 game tokens and a slice of pizza and a soda. Special Navy price = \$6 (reg. price \$8 at the door-savings of \$2)

Ramada-Waukegan offers a special \$79 rate

The Ramada-Waukegan, located at 200 N. Green Bay Road, offers all Great Lakes staff, recruits and families a special \$79 rate. Six Flags packages are also available with discounted tickets to the park, hot breakfasts and overnight stays included. Enjoy our variety of amenities: Indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, gift shop, exercise room, restaurant and lounge. Please call (847) 244-2400 to book your next overnight stay at the Ramada-Waukegan.

Naval Station plans 'fire-cracking' fun on July 4

Celebrate Independence Day in style at MWR's celebration on Wed., July 4 from noon until 10 p.m. on Ross Field at the Naval Station, Great Lakes featuring a line-up of festival entertainment and fun for all ages.

The celebration is open to all those with base access. In addition, base contractors and their guests are authorized to attend this event. It is not open to the general public. Carry-in's (alcoholic beverages or fireworks) are not permitted, and will be strictly enforced.

Live music begins at noon on the main stage. The line up includes "Camp Adventure" Talent Show, noon; "Quinten Marx and Reign," 1 p.m.; Navy Band "Horizons," 2:30 p.m.; "The Country Sky Band," 4 p.m.; Mellen Cougar-Tribute

Band," 6 p.m.; and Navy Band "Wind Ensemble," at 8:30 p.m.

Festival-goers will also marvel at the roving entertainment scheduled throughout the day, featuring The Chicago Boys Acrobatic Team, "Mr. Sound Effects," caricature and temporary tattoo artists, jugglers, stilt walkers and comedy and magic acts.

Ross Theater will host Cheryl the Hypnotist, Spirorad Damhsa, "Spirit of the Dance" Youth Dance Troupe, and the Texas Group "Living Proof" Youth Choir. Patriotic movies will also be shown throughout the day. Plus, take the "little patriots" to the Kidz Zone, equipped with interactive games, crafts, contests and even face painting.

Everyone will enjoy the

"Patriot Games" area with inflatable jousting, a speed pitch, a bungee run, a dunk tank and other fun interactive games. MWR's "Boot Camp" (obstacle course) will be on site, offering more exciting activities for all. Participants may try their luck at our bingo tent with a chance to win fantastic prizes including top prizes of roundtrip airline tickets.

A variety of festival fare and cold beverages will be available at multiple food and beverage tents on site.

Finally at 9:30 p.m., a spectacular fireworks display set to music will light up the sky in front of the historical (Bldg. 1) clock tower. This 20-25 minute show is sure to be one of the biggest fireworks displays in Lake County!

★ ROSS ★ THEATER

**Movies: \$2-Adult (Military or DOD)
 \$1-Child (ages 6-11), Free-Under age 6**

Ross Theater is located in Bldg. 110 and is open to everyone. Children 17 years of age and under trying to gain access to a "R-Rated" movie must be accompanied by an adult.

GREAT MOVIES AT A GREAT PRICE!

**Fri., June 15
6 p.m.**



HOT FUZZ

R~For violent content including some graphic images, and language. (120 Min.)

**Fri., June 15
8:30 p.m.**



SPIDER-MAN 3

PG 13~For sequences of intense action violence. (140 Min.)

**Sat., June 16
6 p.m.**



THE INVISIBLE

PG 13~For violence, criminality, sensuality and language - all involving teens. (97 Min.)

**Sat., June 16
8:30 p.m.**



LUCKY YOU

PG 13~For some language and sexual humor. (124 Min.)

**Sat., June 16
10:45 p.m.**



GHOST RIDER

FREE Movie!

PG 13~For horror violence and disturbing images. (110 Min.)

**Sun., June 17
3:30 p.m.**



SPIDER-MAN 3

PG 13~For sequences of intense action violence. (140 Min.)

**Sun., June 17
6 p.m.**



NEXT

PG 13~For intense sequences of violent action, and some language. (96 Min.)

The movie schedule is subject to change without notice.

For up-to-date information,
 call the MWR Scoop Line at 688-2110, ext. 697,
 24 hours-a-day or check the web site at

www.mwrgl.com



● **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Things I learned from Dad

By **CDR ROBERT CRALL**
CHC, USN

I suppose it's true that all parents both bless and curse their children. I count myself among the fortunate who got lots more of the former than the latter from my parents. I am one of the blessed recipients of what some in the helping professions are now calling "sufficient parenting."

But that is a pretty cold, clinical, impersonal reduction of a huge, dynamic relationship. You see, I have had a DAD (a mom, too, but this happens to be Fathers' Day weekend). He's elderly now. He is part of what Tom Brokaw has called "The Greatest Generation."

That means he has survived the depths of the Great Depression (his dad had to share a job with three other men, so he worked and got paid one week per month) and World War II. My dad's parents did not graduate from high school.

He holds a Master's of Divinity and a Master's of Theology. As a pastor he never made any serious money, but he took his work as a high and serious calling.

He was the kind who read all during his vacation to expand his mind for preaching. He has built his life around a Christian concept of stewardship: We are here to make ourselves the most effective servants of God in whatever capacity God places us—including parenthood!

That there is a range of dads from great to rotten I am well aware. A lot of you can identify with the things I learned from mine, and all of us can help heal and shape the lives of others through the

best things we have seen in dads, our own or others. So here goes:

* It's LOVE first, last and in-between. Love is the context for everything else. Rolling around in the grass with your kids pays huge dividends in their lives and yours.

* Part of love is an active, palpable concern to shape and improve a child's character.

* If you don't discipline a child you are bound to raise a monster. You will teach him or her that the "animals run the zoo," and that is bad for the home, bad for the schools and bad for society. When my dad said, "No 'ifs,' 'ands' or 'buts,'" that was the end of the discussion.

* Discipline never has to become brutal if it is delivered when kids are still easily impressed. It really does not take brutality to impress a three year old.

* "A quitter never wins, and a winner never quits." Don't know if that's an original with him, but my dad surely did say it.

* "He who stands for nothing will fall for anything." Ditto.

* "All your life, improve your mind and your body." My dad still identifies himself as an "athlete." He got hit by a car a couple years ago when he was only 84, and did not get hurt. "Yes, Siree," he said, "I know how to land and roll from grass drills in football practice!" Ohhhhhhh Dad! Myself, I think God was watching out for him.

Well, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE GOOD DADS OUT THERE! God help us pass on their best to others.

Flooring work to begin at Forrestal Chapel

For most of this summer, Forrestal Village Chapel (Bldg. 2630) will be undergoing refurbishing of its floors throughout the building, beginning with the sanctuary. Worship services (Traditional Family Protestant at 10 a.m. and Roman Catholic at noon) will continue uninterrupted.

Beginning on Sunday, July 8, services will be conducted in the Lower Fellowship Hall until re-

flooring of the sanctuary is complete.

Upon completion of the sanctuary, worship services will return to that location. Other parts of the chapel—Upper and Lower Fellowship Halls, administrative passageways and heads—will also be refloored sequentially.

This refurbishing will require securing all work areas. Consequently, Forrestal Village

Chapel will not be available for weddings, retirements and other special functions until after approximately Aug. 15. If you need to schedule any such functions between July 8 and Aug. 15, please contact Bluejacket Memorial Chapel at (847) 688-5410.

If you have any questions about the work going on at Forrestal Village Chapel, please call (847) 688-3490.

Vacation Bible School 2007 is coming

Welcome to Avalanche Ranch, a wild ride through God's written Word!

This year's VBS at Forrestal Village Chapel (Bldg. 2630 in Forrestal Village between Pennsylvania and Ohio Avenues) will take place on June 25-29 from 8 a.m. to noon each day.

The program is open to dependent children of active-duty military and DoD civilian employees. Each day every activity, from snacks and crafts to Bible adventures, focuses on

one simple Bible Point. Kids also participate in Daily Challenges — specific ways to live out their faith each day. Avalanche Ranch is an exciting, fun-filled, Bible-based program that can transform the hearts of children towards God.

This year, like last year, VBS will be a cooperative venture for all our military and DoD families' children with adult and youth volunteers from both Catholic and Protestant congregations. Avalanche Ranch focuses on those basics of the

Christian faith which we hold in common, and this year will provide another opportunity for growth in friendship, mutual understanding and support—not to mention a rip-roarin' good time for kids and volunteers, both youth and adult!

To register your K-6th child or to volunteer, please call Forrestal Village Chapel at (847) 688-3490. Pre-K childcare will be available only for children of adult volunteers. We look forward to seein' ya, Pardner!

Worship today in the faith of your choice

● **Command Religious Program Schedule**

Catholic

Sun., 9 a.m. Sunday MassBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., Noon Sunday MassForrestal Village Chapel
Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m. Weekday MassBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10:30-11:30 a.m. CCDBldg. 122
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Catholics Seeking ChristBluejacket Memorial Chapel

Protestant

Wed., Noon Praise, Word and WorshipNaval Health Clinic All Faiths Chapel
Sun., 10:30 a.m. Contemporary WorshipBluejacket Memorial Chapel
Sun., 10 a.m. Family Worship ServiceForrestal Village Chapel

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Sun., 1:30 p.m.Naval Health Clinic All Faiths Chapel

Chapels

•Bluejacket Memorial Chapel - Bldg. 3, Naval Station
•Forrestal Village Chapel - Bldg. 2630, Ohio St., Forrestal Village
•Naval Health Clinic All Faiths Chapel, Wing 2 South
•For More Information about any of the services or events listed in this schedule, call 688-5610

*Great Lakes chaplains are happy to help you
find a place of worship according to
your tradition and needs.*

USS Wisconsin, USS Cole take 'Ultimate Win'

By **SUSAN M. KOERNER**
TSC Public Affairs

Thirty-nine gallons of chocolate pudding, 159 times in the dunk tank and 7,797 participants - all ingredients of the spring 2007 Ultimate Command Challenge (UCC).

Sailors from Training Support Center (TSC) took to Ross Field Monday to relax in the sun, eat a hot dog and see trophies awarded to the winning ships.

For the night students, USS Wisconsin took the trophy, while USS Cole snagged the honor for day students. The challenge was planned and implemented by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR).

"There was a lot of work behind the scenes, a lot of brainstorming and planning to make something like this work," said Capt. Will Morales, commanding officer of TSC. "Everything went smoothly, and MWR did an outstanding job."

The challenge included something for everyone with 31 different events held over the past five weeks.

"Each duty section was able to participate in a variety of competitions to show their ship's strength and pride. The first week included an obstacle

course, wheel chair basketball and a seven ton truck pull," said Lisa Busse, of MWR.

Events on Nunn Beach during the second week included a canoe race, a giant pizza run and tug of war. Events for the third week included swimming contests and sand volleyball, while the final week included disc golf and eating competitions.

MWR estimated that nearly five thousand marshmallows were consumed along with pudding and vanilla wafers in the eating contests, enough calories to eat for 167 days on a 2,000 calorie diet.

The challenge provides a break from traditional physical training and promotes esprit de corps. Points were awarded for the competition and esprit de corps points for good sportsmanship and overall team spirit. Feedback from the participants has also been positive.

"It's a good break away from the usual sports routine," said one respondent to the survey.

Another found it a good way to bond with fellow shipmates, "This is my first month here and UCC helped me really meet and get to know friends from my duty section and ship."

There were also competitions that took place outside of the normal UCC schedule; such as



Photo courtesy of MWR

Sailors from TSC test their skills with during the Hum and Pull contest as part of the Ultimate Command Challenge.

the Cardboard Boat Regatta and the Barracks Identity Design. First place in the Cardboard Boat Regatta went to the USS Preble for the fastest ship category. First place in the Identity Designs went to the USS Bohnomme Richard, second to

USS Farragut and third to USS England.

The Galley 535 provided enough hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled chicken breasts and hot wings to feed over 500 sailors from the night school and over 3,000 day school students.

Final Scores for night students:

Wisconsin 427 competition pts
7 esprit de corps

N. Carolina 331 competition pts
1 esprit de corps

Top four Final Competition Points:

USS Cole	427
USS Preble	345
USS Essex	257
USS Porter	239

Top four final esprit de corps points:

USS Decatur	35
USS B. Richard	33
USS New Jersey and Farragut	21
USS Cole	18

Ultimate Command Challenge Final Point Standings

Competition Points

USS Cole	427
USS Preble	345
USS Essex	257
USS Porter	239
USS Missouri	227
USS Decatur	221
USS Farragut	220
USS Mustin	181
USS B. Richard	143
USS New Jersey	138
USS England	43

Esprit De Corps Points

USS Decatur	35
USS B. Richard	33
USS New Jersey	21
USS Farragut	21
USS Cole	18
USS Preble	17
USS Mustin	17
USS Essex	11
USS Porter	11
USS Missouri	10
USS England	9



Photo courtesy of MWR

During closing ceremonies for the Spring Ultimate Command Challenge, TSC Sailors practice their jousting skills in a ring on Ross Field.

Ultimate Win



Photos courtesy of MWR

Above, the USS Wisconsin is the winner of the Night Ships Competition in the Spring 2007 Ultimate Command Challenge. Below, USS Cole Sailors celebrate their win in the Day Ships Competition.



Battle Stations 21 comes to life

Photos by S.A. Thornbloom, Great Lakes Naval Service Training Command Public Affairs Office

Commissioning Ceremony Monday, June 18 for RTC simulator



Recruits man the helm on the bridge of USS Trayer (BST 21). Battle Stations 21 is the culmination of all training received at the Navy's only boot camp. It is a grueling 12-hour test, now held entirely in Trayer, of a recruit's skills in several shipboard evolutions, including fighting fires and stopping floods. It is also the final evolution that marks the recruit's rite of passage into the Navy.



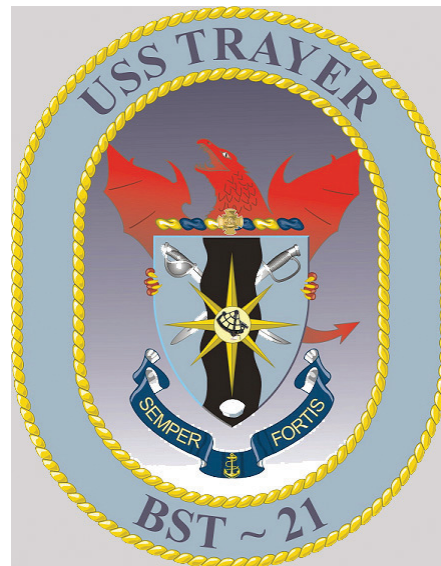
A recruit receives instructions on handling the nozzle of a hose on board USS Trayer (BST 21).



Recruits search through smoke for injured Sailors and battle damage on board USS Trayer (BST 21). Battle Stations 21 is a grueling 12-hour test, now held entirely in Trayer.



Recruits fight a controlled fire on board USS Trayer (BST 21).



Recruits stand at attention to receive their Navy ball caps during a capping ceremony following completion of training onboard USS Trayer (BST 21). Battle Stations 21 is the evolution which marks the recruit's final rite of passage into the Navy and culminates with the earning of a Navy ballcap that signifies a Recruit has earned the right to be a Sailor.

By SCOTT A. THORNBLOOM, NSTC PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

Recruit Training Command has had many commissioning ceremonies in its long and illustrious history. Each time a new division of recruits arrive at RTC it is "commissioned" to its ship's namesake building.

But on Monday, instead of commissioning a new division of recruits and a building named after a Navy ship, the USS Trayer (BST 21) will be commissioned. The commissioning will be the same as any done in San Diego, Norfolk, Va., Newport News, R.I., Groton, Conn., or Galveston, Texas, where USS Kidd (DDG 100) was recently commissioned. But Monday's commissioning will be unique and different because this new "Tin Can" is dry-docked inside the USS Iowa complex on RTC.

"The Navy is commissioning a ship that will accurately evaluate the teamwork and training received, as well as the battle readiness of the newest crew members on any ship in the Fleet for the next few decades," said Lt. Andrew Bond, the officer in charge of Battle Stations 21.

Trayer is the Navy's latest training tool and part of Battle Stations 21, a culmination of basic training and the last evolution recruits accomplish before they graduate. It's also one of the biggest simulators the Navy now has, an actual replica of a working Arleigh Burke-class destroyer.

Recruits spend an entire night on board Trayer

loading stores, getting underway, handling mooring lines, manning general quarter stations, stopping floods and combating shipboard fires. It is as close to being underway as a recruit can get before they receive orders to their first ship. It is also considered no longer training the recruit but more of an evaluation of their reactions in tight situations and a chance for the recruit to see how far they have come in boot camp.

One of the Trayer's facilitators, AEC (AW/NAC) Tim McKinley called it "a rite of passage from recruit to Sailor. Trayer is the latest and final tool to help recruits make that transitional journey."

The \$54 million high-tech simulator tests recruits on teamwork and basic skills needed when they report to their first ship. It is 12 hours of anything that could happen aboard a ship at sea from missile attacks that cause fires to flooding caused by explosive undersea mines.

"This is as real as we can get to what can actually happen at sea," McKinley said. "We use lessons learned from the terrorist attack on USS Cole (DDG 67), mine damage to USS Tripoli (LPH 10) in Desert Storm and missile attack to USS Stark (FFG 31)."

McKinley said the destroyer simulator was designed by award-winning Hollywood set designers and has state-of-the-art special effects technology.

"There are actual scenes and flats on the pier to

make it look like the ship has pulled into a new port," McKinley said.

Trayer also sits in a pool of water and there is a lighting system to make it look day or night on the pier. All this scenery and Hollywood setting is the first thing the more than 80 recruits see before boarding the destroyer for their "underway" time.

"You actually feel like you're coming down a pier, walking across the brow and boarding a ship. Then you feel like the ship is under attack and you have to fight the ship, stop the fires and flooding, to save it," McKinley said.

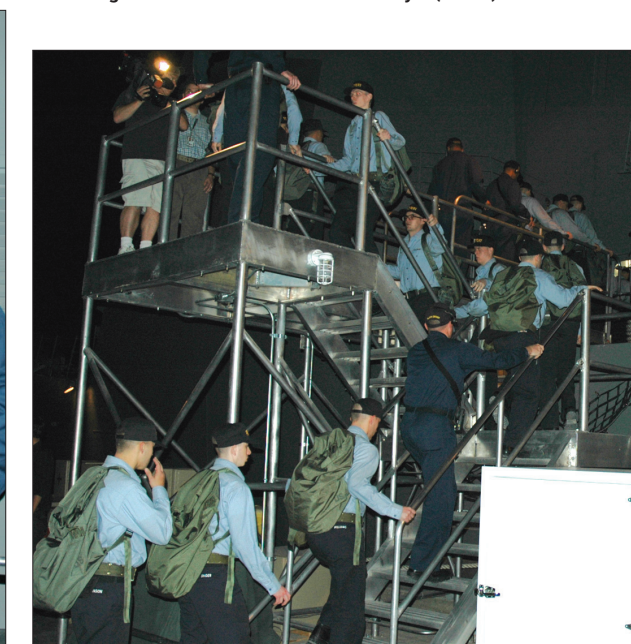
The ship is outfitted inside and out with salvaged gauges, pipes and electrical gear from decommissioned ships. Inside, compartments are outfitted with berthing spaces, control rooms and the bridge. There are also special controlled areas where magazine spaces flood and compartments are engulfed in flames.

"It's so real that it stops me in my tracks," Bond said. "If she had another side, she'd be ready for sea."

The commissioning of Trayer is scheduled to begin Monday, June 18 at 8:30 a.m. It will be a real commissioning ceremony that will include manning the ship, setting the watch and bringing the simulated destroyer to life. It will be just like being in San Diego or Norfolk or many other ports that have commissioned ships, except inside a building in the middle of the America.



Recruits haul in lines on board USS Trayer (BST 21).



Recruits board the USS Trayer (BST 21) in preparation for getting the ship underway as they begin their evening at Battle Stations.